Nevada Career Information System NCIS

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NCIS 2005

The 2005 version of the Nevada Career Information System has been released. This is the first year that the NCIS is delivered via the Internet only. For our NCIS sites this means no system installations are necessary and for all of the Nevadans who already use the system via the Internet, the upgrade has been completed without any interruption in access.

As part of the system upgrade, NCIS 2005 has added Zip Code Access to make logging on to the system easier.   This feature allows you to log on by selecting your town, and then entering your zip code and area code. Of course you always have the option of entering the user name and password issued by the NCIS staff or, if you have created your own account in the My NCIS portfolio area, you can use your individual user name and password. Our web address remains the same at **www.nvcis.intocareers.org** but now you have three easy ways to access the system!

Along with updated career, education and labor market information, NCIS 2005 has many enhancements; we have highlighted several of these new features on page two. Many of the enhancements were included at the request of our sites - so keep those suggestions coming.

For those of you who have called our NCIS help line, or attended training, you may have noticed that the DETR-NCIS team has added two new staff members. We welcome Amy Crates as our new Administrative Assistant and Crystal Skeans as our new Program Officer.   If you have any questions or comments on the new system, please feel free to contact the NCIS team at (775) 684-0477 or at detrncis@nvdetr.org.

New Occupations

Court Reporter

Transportation Inspectors

Veterinary Technologists & Technicians

Printing Information

To help eliminate mix-ups at the printer, the Print Window now includes a Name field. If you are logged in to your NCIS Portfolio, this field will already include your name, if not you can enter your name (or change it).

Occupation Sort 2005

The NCIS's occupation sorting program has been completely redesigned to allow you to select the factors you would like to sort on and then prioritize them in order of their importance to you. The program then matches your preferences to occupational requirements.

With Occupation Sort 2005 you can see the impact of different choices on the list of matching occupations. It also serves as a "reality check" by allowing you to see if the attributes of occupations you are interested in match your preferences. The result is a list of occupations more closely tailored to each individual user.

As some NCIS sites have designed materials around the original Occupation Sort, we are making that version available for one more year, but we encourage everyone to make the switch to Occupation Sort 2005 as soon as possible.

At A Glance
The occupation files now include a short list of highlighted facts, located to the right of the *Overview* information.

Here is an example of an At A Glance from the Accountants and Auditors Occupation File.

At a glance

- Have a bachelor's degree
- Have good analytical and math skills
- May work long hours between January and April
- Need a license to use the term CPA (certified public accountant)
- About 11 percent are self-employed
- Earn $47,000 per year (national average)

Graphics and Links
Look for graphics, color, and animated hyperlinks in the information indices to direct you to highlighted files.

FORENSIC SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

Do you enjoy watching crime scene investigation shows? Have an eye for detail and like solving puzzles? Then working as a Forensic Science Technician may be the career choice for you.
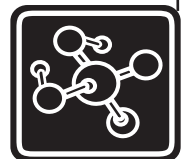
Forensic Science Technicians are responsible for using natural science to solve crimes. They collect, examine and evaluate various forms of evidence to try and determine the relationships among the evidence in order to link a suspect to a crime.

Forensic Science Technicians prepare reports and keep records of their findings, investigation methods, and lab techniques. Their records have to be very detailed and correct, as many times they have to testify in court regarding evidence or lab work.

Forensic Science Technicians are also known as Criminalists.

Taken from the NCIS Occupations File

Schools in Nevada
that offer science related degrees (Biology, Chemistry):
Associate Degrees:
-Comm. College of So. NV.
-Truckee Meadows Comm. College
-Western Nevada Comm. College
Bachelor Degrees:
-Nevada State College
-Sierra Nevada College
-University of Nevada, Las Vegas
-University of Nevada, Reno

Taken from the NCIS School Sort File, sorting by program of study and state.

Nevada's middle range hourly wage for Forensic Science Technicians

$16.68 - $26.09

Taken from the NCIS Occupations File

Preparation

To work as a forensic science technician, you must:

*Have a high school diploma or GED;
*Complete at least an associate's degree in a science or a science-related technology.
*Have a good eye for detail.

Taken from the NCIS Occupations File

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Nevada residents do have the opportunity to receive a Forensic Science certificate through a distance education program with the American Institute of Applied Science, Inc. located in Youngsville, NC.
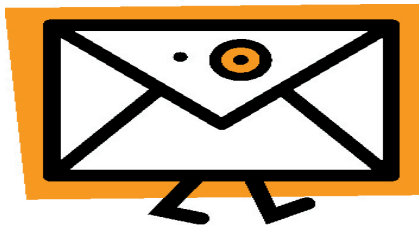************************

OUTLOOK

Nationally, the number of jobs projected for Forensic Science Techinicians is growing.

Taken from the NCIS Occupations File

Occupational Videos

With over 400 videos, almost all of the occupations have a video link. Some videos are also available in Spanish.

Please let us know what you like and/or what you would like to see changed or improved with the system. We value your input!

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My NCIS Portfolio

Upgrades
In response to your requests, several upgrades have been made to My NCIS Portfolio:

- Space for a middle initial in the Personal Information Section (so the initial will appear on a resume).

- An icon indicating that information or a link has been saved for each NCIS component in "My NCIS Favorites".

- Resumes created in NCIS can now be exported to the .rtf format, which is readable by most popular word processing programs (such as Word and WordPerfect).

"People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built."
~Eleanor Roosevelt

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